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Construction of a bridge at Olipuzha in Karuvarakkundu, Malabar district.

* 349 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Works be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have decided to construct a bridge at Olipuzha in Karuvarakkundu, Ernad taluk, Malabar, connecting Karuvarakkundu and Melathur; and

(*b*) if so, when the work will be taken up?

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" (*a*) The answer is in the negative.

"(*b*) Does not arise."

Sri K. P. GOPALAN :—" Are Government aware that the people in the locality are put to much difficulty for want of a bridge and, therefore, will the Hon. Minister be pleased to reconsider the question? "

The Hon. Raja Sri SHANMUGA RAJESWARA SETHUPATHI :—" The Chief Engineer, Highways, has pointed out that there is already another road—the Nilambur-Kalikavar road—connecting Karuvarakkundu and Melathur and that is why the necessity for this was not there. Anyhow, it may be taken up in the Second Five-Year Plan."

Madras Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal.

* 350 *Q.*—Sri K. P. GOPALAN : Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the Government have received a copy of the resolution passed at the Working Committee meeting of the Tea Hotel Owners' Association, Tellicherry, held on 28th May 1954, requesting the Government to take steps to see that the Madras Sales Tax Appellate Tribunal now sitting at Madras sits in each district for hearing cases; and

(*b*) if so, the action taken thereon?

The Hon. Sri M. A. MANICKAVELU NAICKER :—" (*a*) No.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

Dropping of the Hindu Non-Conforming Marriages (Registration) Bill, 1954.

* 351 *Q.*—Sri M. KALYANASUNDRAM : Will the Hon. the Minister for Finance be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether the consideration of " Hindu Non-Conforming Marriages (Registration) Bill, 1954," has been dropped; and

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(*b*) if not, when the Government will come forward with a motion that that Bill be taken into consideration?

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" (*a*) Yes, Sir; the Government have decided to drop the Bill.

" (*b*) Does not arise."

SRI M. KALYANASUNDRAM :—" ஸார், இந்த மசோதாவைக் கை விடவேண்டிய காரணம் என்ன என்பதை அறிய விரும்புகிறேன்."

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" Sir, the Special Marriages Bill, which has since been passed into law by the Union Parliament—Central Act XLIII of 1954—provides for the registration of marriages including the non-conforming form of marriages. Therefore, the Government did not think it necessary to proceed with this Bill."

SRI S. SWAYAMPRAKASAM :—" Sir, the Central Act, I think, will relate to future marriages. The intention of this Government when they brought in that Bill was to validate marriages done before and to rectify the defects in them. Does the Central Act rectify the defects in earlier marriages? Will Government consider this aspect of the matter? "

THE HON. SRI C. SUBRAMANIAM :—" I am sorry I have not looked into that Act. According to the information which I have here, it is seen that that Act provides for the registration of past marriages also."

11-40 a.m. *Conversion of the Alanallur Producers'-cum-Consumers' Co-operative Society into a Co-operative Bank.*

* 352 *Q.*—SRI K. KUNHI MOHAMED SHAFEE : Will the Hon. the Minister for Health be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether sanction was accorded to the Alanallur Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Society in South Malabar to convert itself into a Co-operative Bank;

(*b*) whether the said bank has made any representation regarding the refusal of a loan application by the Malabar District Bank later on; and

(*c*) if so, the orders passed thereon?

THE HON. SRI A. B. SHETTY :—" (*a*) & (*b*) Yes, Sir.

" (*c*) The request of the Bank was not complied with."

DR. K. B. MENON :—" Will the Government accept the conversion of Producers'-*cum*-Consumers' Co-operative Societies into banks as a matter of policy? "